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Dear Peter:

Andrew Whist recently contacted me regarding your request for comments on the proceedings in the "Court orders" section of the publication, Mord in Zeitlupe (Killing in Slow Motion). In response to your inquiry, I am enclosing several documents which may be helpful.

Because of the nonspecificity of the "Texas proceedings" excerpt in the German publication, there is some difficulty in identifying the case. The paragraph could be referring to the Shirley Wassom case. The enclosed letters to Dr. M. Körner of the VDC summarizes Mrs. Wassom's suits. Nowhere in the enclosed court documents is there a statement made to the effect that "she [Mrs. Wassom] was able to convince the court that she would have continued working if her place of work were free from smoke."

There is, however, another Texas public smoking matter in which an Internal Revenue Service office employee, Marie Flaniken, sought medical disability payments because she said she could not work in the smoke-filled office. Until I receive information from the courts in Texas, the only information currently available is the enclosed article from the Austin American, August 5, 1981. I apologize for the poor reproduction, but it is the only copy we have. If we receive additional information regarding this case, I will forward it to you. We will also try to determine if there are any other similar cases in the state of Texas.

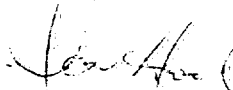
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We are also checking on the facts of the Pritchard case with the law firm which handled that matter when it was tried in the Pennsylvania court. We will send you whatever information we receive.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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